

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach George Hockenberry and the 1995-1996 Murfreesboro Central Middle School girls' basketball team on winning the Tennessee Middle School Athletic Association State Tournament.

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is very proud of its athletic teams which work hard, persevere and succeed; and

WHEREAS, the 1995-1996 Murfreesboro Central Middle School girls' basketball team, which recently won the Tennessee Middle School Athletic Association State Tournament, is one such exemplary team, bringing recognition to their fine school; and

WHEREAS, at that tournament, despite a tough schedule, Central defeated Greenbrier 43-24, Hunter 44-24 and Columbia 38-35; and

WHEREAS, the Tigerettes also finished runner-up in the James C. Haile State Tournament, held at the same time as the TMSAA State Tournament, easily beating 17-1 Chester County 31-16 and 19-1 Chattanooga Red Bank 51-38; and

WHEREAS, they made the finals of each of the five tournaments they participated in, winning three of those tournaments; and

WHEREAS, Central finished with a stellar record of 26-4, a superb winning percentage of .870; and

WHEREAS, they were fortunate to be under the able tutelage of **Head Coach George Hockenberry, Assistant Coach Nancy Ryans and Assistant Coach Gary Sweeton**; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers were lead by: wing **Jessie Sain**, wing **Erica Miller** and guard **Beth Parsley**, each of whom made the James C. Haile State Tournament and TMSAA State Tournament All-Tournament teams; and

WHEREAS, the other players include: **Jessica Williams, Katie Salmon, Manda Lufkin, Stephanie Patterson, Virginia Lowery, Leah Dennis, Jessica Brindle, Ramona Little, Ashley Rundall, Tiffany Dillon, Heather Smith, Katie McFarlane, Julie Dennis, Amanda Dowell, Jalah Brock, Valanna Ludns and Ella Floyd**, all of whom played an important role in the team's success; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this notable team be specially saluted; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach George Hockenberry and the 1995-1996 Murfreesboro Central Middle School girls' basketball team on winning the Tennessee Middle School Athletic Association State Tournament and wish them much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.

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